

August 14, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Application for Approval of Updated Standard Offer Avoided Cost Rates and Tariffs
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC Letter Withdrawing Application
Docket No. 1995-1192-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" and together with DEC, the "Companies") respectfully submit this letter to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") hereby withdrawing their Application for Approval of Updated Standard Offer Avoided Cost Rates and Tariffs, as filed on November 30, 2018 in the above-captioned docket ("Application").

As background, on November 30, 2018, the Companies jointly filed the Application, requesting Commission approval of DEC's and DEP's updated standard offer avoided cost rates, Schedule PP tariffs, and standard contracts and terms and conditions for purchases from qualifying facilities ("QF") eligible for the Companies' standard offer pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"). Following submittal of the Application, on February 1, 2019 the Companies pre-filed direct testimony. However, on April 4, 2019, the Hearing Officer issued Order No. 2019-47-H, placing the proceeding in abeyance in recognition of the South Carolina General Assembly's ongoing consideration of what is now the South Carolina Energy Freedom Act, or Act 62. On May 16, 2019, Act 62 was signed into law. Subsequently, on May 30, 2019, the Commission opened Docket Nos. 2019-185-E and 2019-186-E in compliance with newly-enacted S.C. Code. Ann. § 58-41-20, establishing new proceedings to consider the Companies' standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement PURPA pursuant to Act 62.

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Accordingly, the Companies are filing today their Joint Application for Approval of Standard Offer Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sells Forms, and Other Related Terms and Conditions in Docket Nos. 2019-185-E and 2019-186-E. Because the Joint Application filed today replaces the Application filed by the Companies in Docket No. 1995-1192-E, the Companies are now withdrawing the Application previously filed in this docket.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Rebecca J. Dulin

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